

Application No. 09/846,065
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Reply to Office Action of August 12, 2003

REMARKS

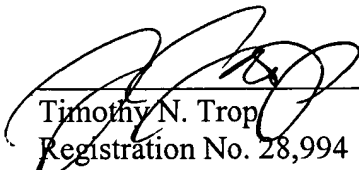
Johnson teaches a device in which an AC potential is applied to both top and bottom electrodes.

As now set forth in amended claim 1, an alternating signal of a first and second polarity is applied to one plate of the spatial light modulator and the second plate receives only the first polarity. This is well illustrated in Figure 2 of the present application. The signal 22 is a bias applied to the pixel electrode and the signal 12 is a bias applied to the top plate.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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